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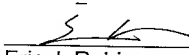
JP 10-257587 describes a speaker diaphragm using the PBO fiber as shown in the English abstract. Furthermore, it also describes a use of woven or non-woven fabric (see paragraph [0015]) and the glass fiber or carbon fiber (see paragraph [0016]). This reference,

however, only discloses a speaker diaphragm comprising the FRP which is fabricated by applying a resin to the single fiber, and does not teach or suggest the feature of the present invention, that a "core of the thread is covered with other fibers such that the constitution of the thread is similar to the core yarn or covered yarn."

JP 02-057096 describes a diaphragm using the material such as the carbon fiber and polyester fiber, as shown in page 2, upper right column, line 5. This reference, however, teaches a woven fabric for a speaker diaphragm, which is woven with a thread made of fibers of a plurality of kinds, but the constitution of the thread of the present invention is different from that of JP 02-057096 because the surface of core of the thread of the '096 reference is completely covered with other fibers.

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